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SUBJECT: LOS: U.S. POSITION ON HIGH SEAS STATUS OF THE ECONOMIC
ZONE; CORECTION OF WIRELESS FILE REPORT OF TESTIMONY
OF AMBASSADOR LEARSON BEFORE SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE

REF: STATE 187929

1. ON JULY 30, EMBOFF MADE PRESENTATION DIRECTED REFTTEL
TO DFA'S ASSISTANCE SECRETARY FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION
AFFAIRS VERCELES. HE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR
CLARIFICATION AMBASSADOR LEARSON'S STATEMENT AN PROMISED
TO BRING IT TO ATTENTION OF GOP LOS DELEGATION. VERCELES
ASKED WHETHER WE WOULD ALSO BE MAKING CLARIFICATION AVAIL-
ABLE TO VARIOUS MISSIONS AT UN. EMBOFF SAID HE WAS NOT
CERTAIN AND STRESSED IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT VERCELES GET
THIS CORRECTION TO LOS DELEGATES SOONEST.

2. VERCELES SAID GOP HAD TRIMMED ITS DELEGATION TO NEXT
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LOS SESSION TO NINE. CO-CHAIRMEN WILL BE SENATOR

TOLENTINO AND JUSTICE SECRETARY ABAD SANTOS. CO-
VICE-CHAIRMEN ARE DFA UNDER SECRETARY INGLES AND
SOLICITOR GENERAL MENDOZA.

3. AUSTRALIAN EMBOFF TOLD EMBOFF ON JULY 29 HE HAD
ATTEMPTED TO DISCUSS LOS MATTERS WITH TOLENTINO
BEFORE HE LEFT FOR NY BUT SENATOR WAS DEPARTING MANILA
JULY 31. TOLENTINO WAS REPORTEDLY QUITE PESSIMISTIC
ABOUT PROSPECTS FOR PROGRESS IN UPCOMING LOS SESSION.
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